

(b) if so, the details thereof, and of not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). Following the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the Reserve Bank of India was constrained to hold in abeyance operations of the accounts in India of the Bank of Foreign Economic Affairs of USSR. Consequently, reimbursement of payments to exports was stopped on 27-1991. Subsequently the following arrangements were worked out to facilities payments in respect of trade commitments already made by India exporters. The Reserve Bank of India agreed to settle the relinquishment claims from authorised dealers in India, maintaining the accounts of the Bank for Foreign Economic Affairs of USSR in respect of (i) goods shipped up to 31st December, 1991 (ii) goods shipped after 31st December, 1991 but not later than 31st March, 1992, against Letters of Credit already opened by banks in the erstwhile Soviet Union and advised to the Indian exports up to 31st December, 1991, and (iii) payment due to Indian project exports up to 31st December, 1991 and duly certified for payment by the employers

[Translation]

**Ordnance Factories and Sainik
Schools In Memory of
Recipients of Param
Vir Chakra**

1845. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open ordnance factories and Sainik Schools in the country in the memory of the

recipients of Param Vir Chakra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Considering the available capacity in ordnance factories/civil sector and the requirements, there is no proposal to set up a new ordnance factory.

A Sainik school is opened on the specific request of a State Government/Union Territory Administration as entire capital expenditure and major portion of recurring expenditure has to be met by it. No concrete proposal from any of the State Governments/Union Territory administrations is currently under active consideration.

Widening of National Highway No.4

1846. SHRI G. MADEGOWDA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to widen Bangalore-Hosur-Hoskote-Devanahalli section of National Highway No.4 to four lane; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYLER): (a) and (b). Bangalore-Hosur-Hoskote-Devanahalli stretch consists of the following three sections of National Highway Nos. 4 & 7:

(i) Bangalore -Hosur Section of NH-7.